

# **1D-CNN model development for soluble solids content evaluation of apple using Vis/NIR spectroscopy**

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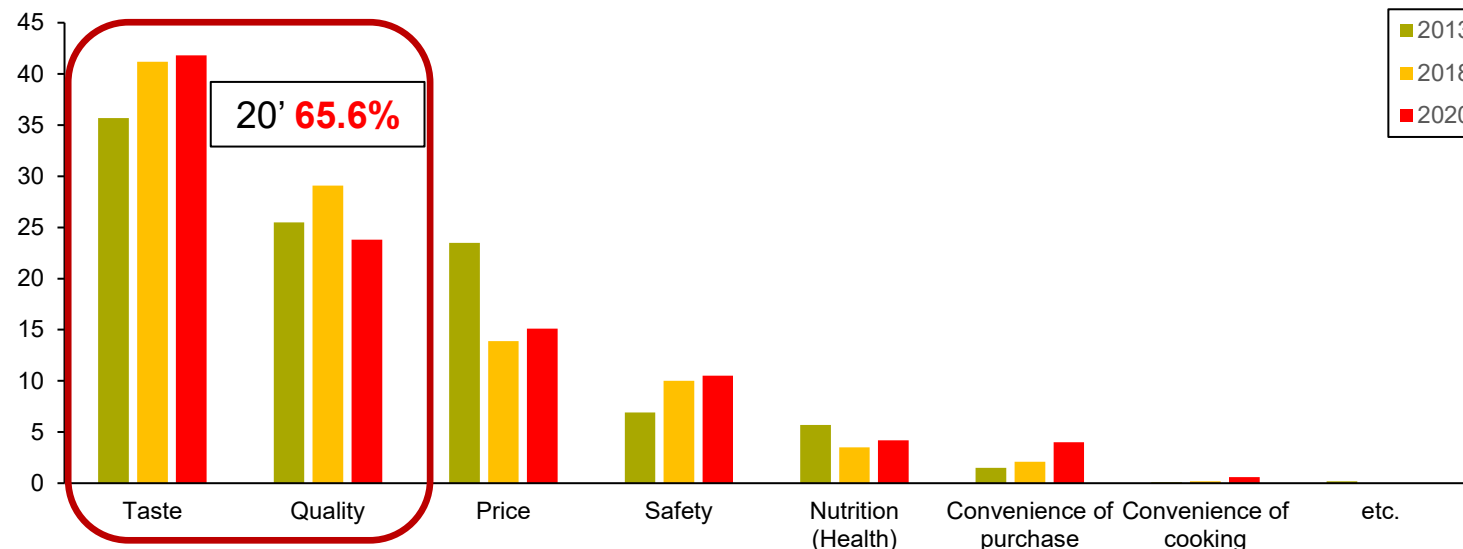


# 1. Introduction





- **Apple** : The most cultivated fruit among Korea's representative fruits and the most favored by consumers
- Consumers **demand high internal quality** agricultural produce
- **Fruit sorting** : very important as an essential process not only to improve **value-added** but also to **guarantee the quality** of agricultural products, standardization, and improve distribution efficiency.



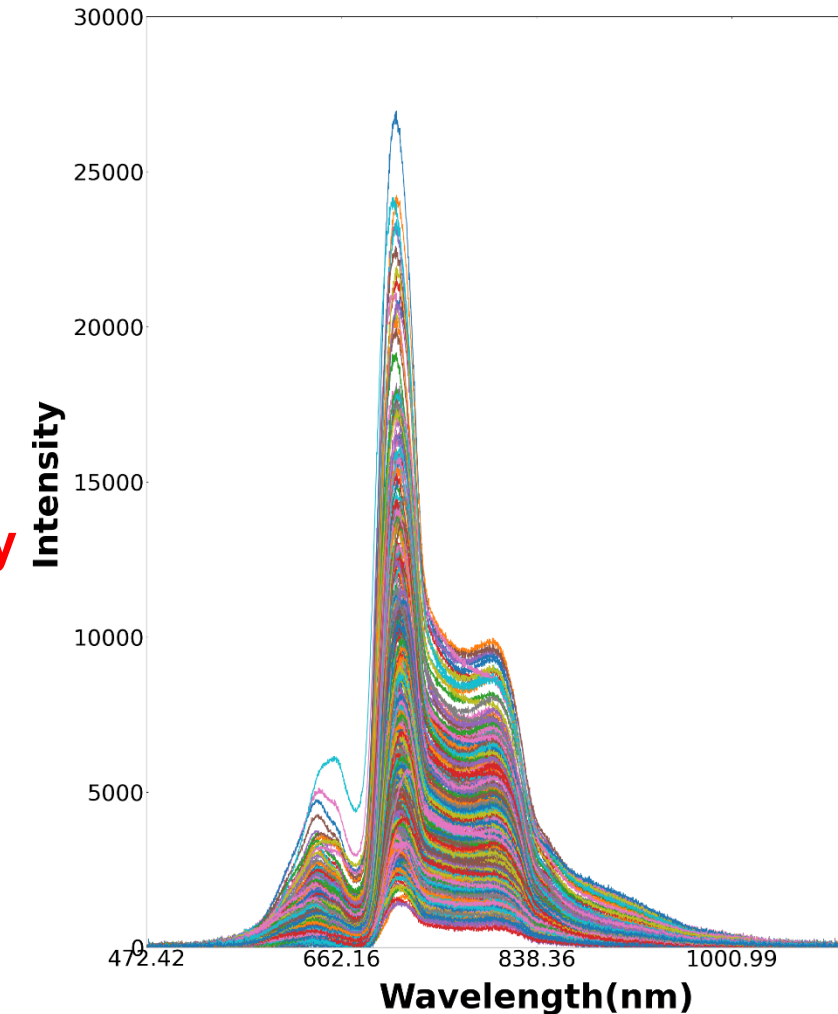
Major considerations when purchasing fruits





## Quality factor

- **External quality**  
: Size, color, weight, shape, external defect, etc.
- **Internal quality**  
: Sugar, acidity, moisture content, internal defects, etc.
- **Determination of Internal quality: Near-infrared spectroscopy**
- **Near-infrared(NIR) spectroscopy**  
: A technique for calculating the sugar content by **measuring transmitted or reflected light** with a spectrometer when **NIR rays** (700 to 2500 nm) are applied to a fruit.



The transmission spectrum of an apple





## ■ Spectroscopic mode

### a. Reflectance mode

: Using reflected light on the fruit surface

Simple structure, only the components of the surface can be measured

### b. Full-transmittance mode

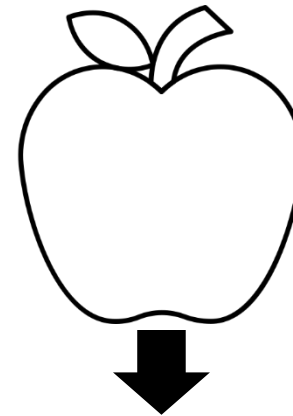
: Using light that penetrates the entire interior of the fruit

Overall component of the fruit can be measured,  
but the amount of light transmitted is small

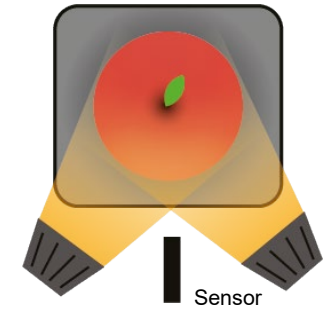
### c. Semi-transmittance mode

: Use of light via part of the inside of the fruit

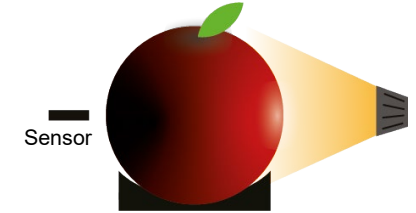
Overall component of fruit can be measured,  
the amount of light transmitted is large,  
but a lot of light is required



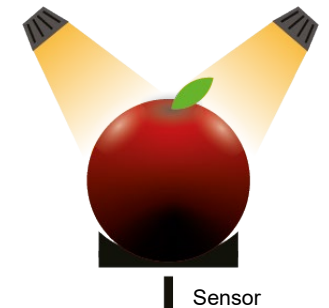
**Full/Semi-transmittance mode**  
is commonly used in **apple**



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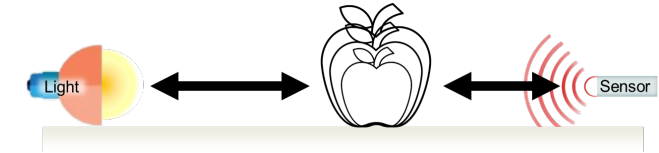


(b)



(c)





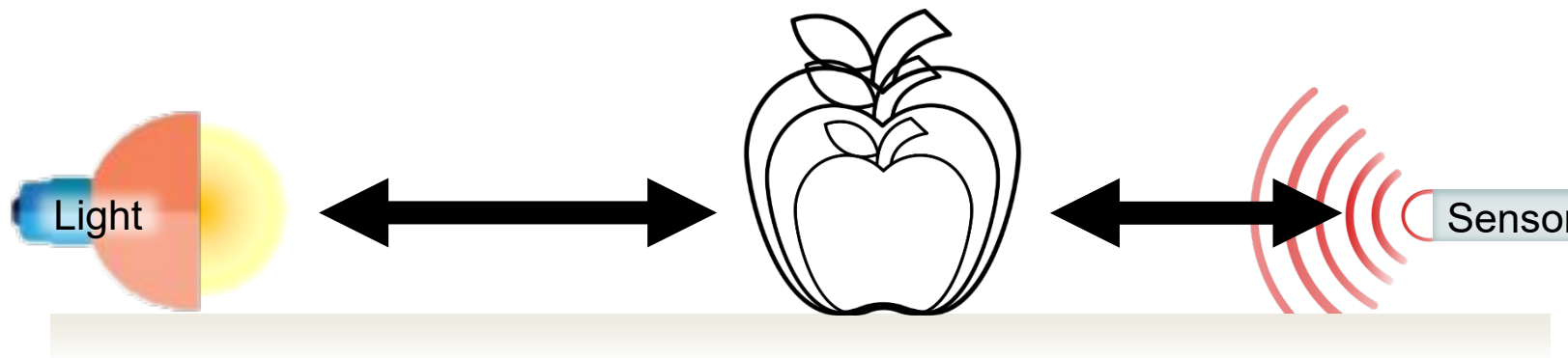
- Fruit : 90%(water), Others(sugar, acid, etc.)  
→ Sugar and acid components cannot cause significant variations in the transmission spectrum  
Changes in the optical path due to **differences in sample size**, etc. cause greater
- Currently, the spectroscopic measurement unit of the non-destructive sugar sorter **maintains a constant distance** between the light source and the sensor **regardless of the size of the fruit**  
→ **Decreased soluble solids content (SSC) measurement performance**
- **No studies** have corrected this '**fruit size effect**' in a **physical way** other than the preprocessing of the spectrum
- There is an attempt to develop SSC prediction model using **deep learning** (1D-Convolutional Neural Network) in addition to machine learning (Partial Least Squares, support vector machine), which has been widely used in the past.





## ■ Research Purpose

- Determination of **optimal light source and sensor distance by size** in transmission spectroscopic analysis for predicting the SSC of apples
- Development of **1D-CNN SSC prediction model** using **optimal distance**



How the optical path changes depending on the size of the apple







## 2. Materials and Methods



- **Apple** : Fuji (Chungju agricultural products processing center (APC))
- Classification by weight : **Level I ~VI**, 411 apples

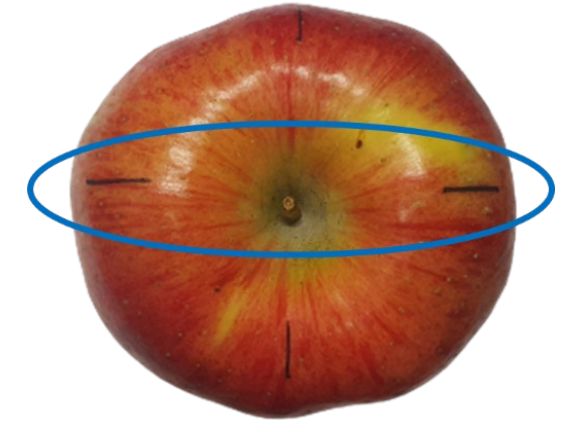
Size classification of apples in standard specifications of agricultural products in Korea

Level	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Weight(g)	375 ≥	300 ≥ 375 <	250 ≥ 300 <	214 ≥ 250 <	188 ≥ 214 <	167 ≥ 188 <



Average maximum diameter, weight of apple

	Level					
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Number	82	57	72	60	70	70
Avg.(S.D.) Max. Diameter (mm)	99.16 (2.78)	90.17 (3.10)	88.23 (2.53)	80.8 (2.45)	78.92 (3.19)	75.63 (2.98)
Avg.(S.D.) Weight (g)	398.02 (9.43)	318.41 (7.95)	285.16 (4.02)	223.19 (3.77)	194.55 (3.12)	182.28 (3.78)



mark the maximum diameter of an apple



### ■ Vis/NIR spectrometer

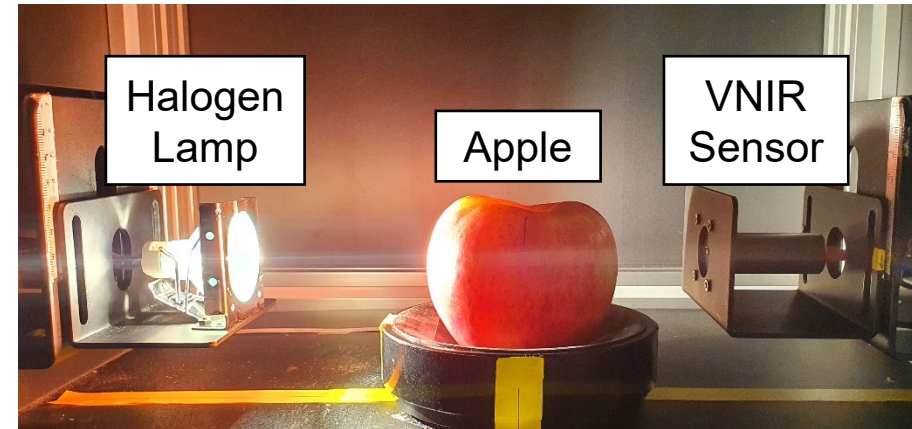
- USB4000, Ocean Optics, US
- Wavelength range : 472 – 1150 nm
- Resolution : about 0.2 nm

### ■ Light source

- 64637, OSRAM, Germany
- Tungsten-halogen light 100W 12V

### ■ Refractometer

- PLA-3, ATAGO, Japan
- Brix scale : Brix 0.1%
- Accuracy : Brix  $\pm 0.1\%$



Spectroscopic measurement system



Measuring spectral data





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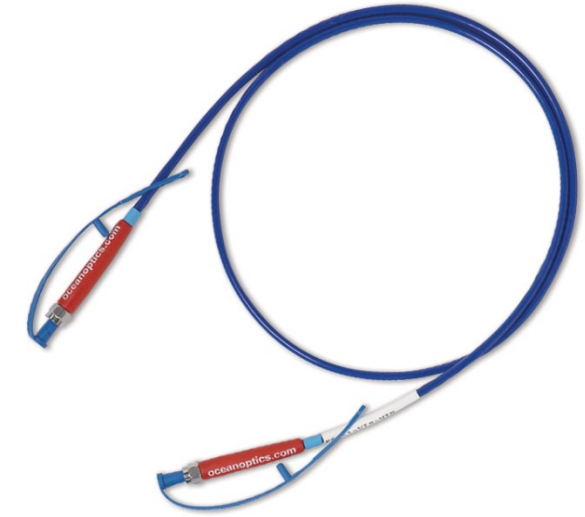
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Spectrometer



Optical fiber



Refractometer





### ■ Spectrum and SSC acquisition

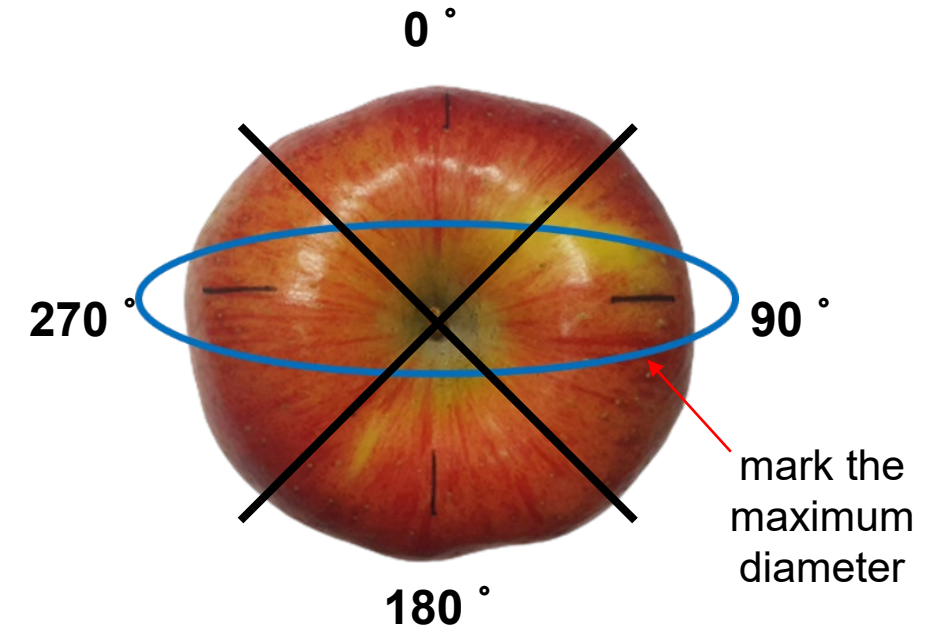
- **Measurement area**  
: 0, 90, 180, 270 degree area of an apple

### ■ Spectroscopic mode

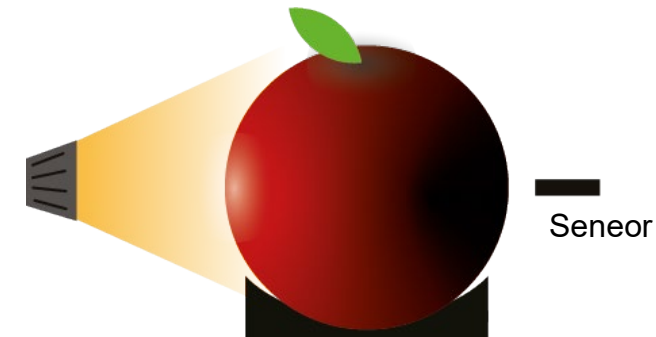
- Full-transmittance mode

### ■ Spectroscopic condition

- Integration Time : 100 msec
- Spectra Averaged : 5 times



Measurement area of an apple

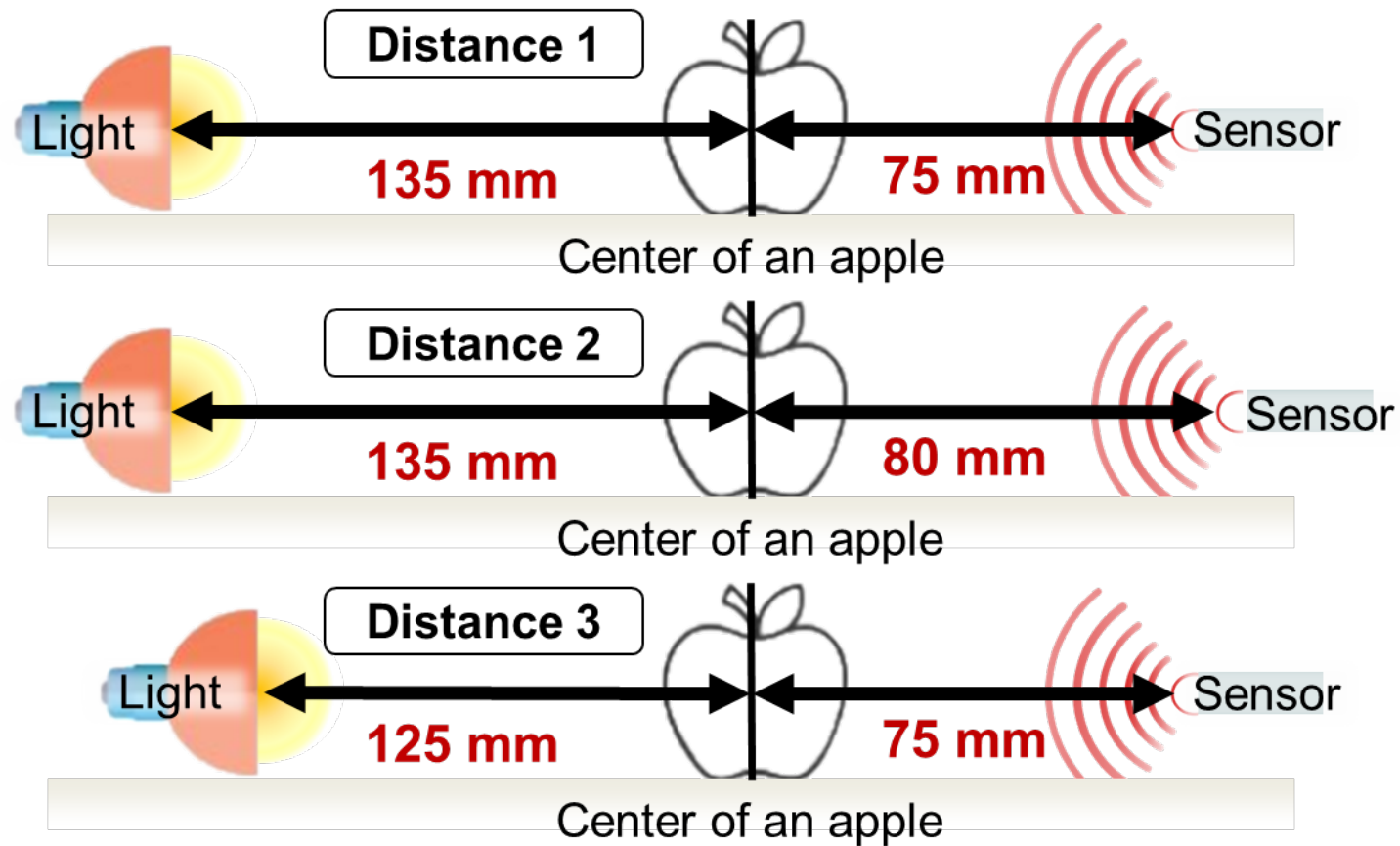


Full-transmittance mode





- Distance between light source - apple - sensor



3 optimal distances between light source – apple - sensor







### ■ Spectral Preprocessing

#### ➤ Increasing the number of spectra

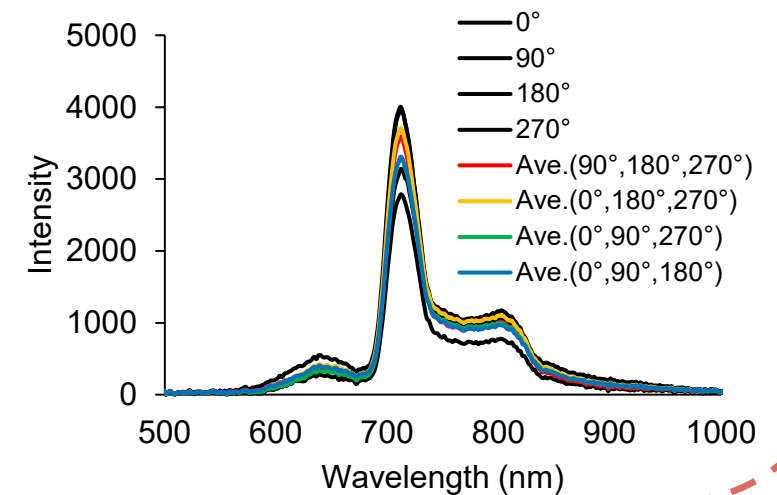
- Number of measured spectra by apple size : 228 ~ 328
- Increase the number of spectra to **avoid overfitting** and **improve performance** on CNN

(Tian et al., 2022)

: 4 spectra measured from 1 apple

→ Create new spectra by averaging 3 out of 4 spectra

→ A total of **8 spectra** can be obtained from **1 apple**





### ■ Spectral preprocessing

#### ➤ Reduced

- Reduce the resolution of the spectrum from 0.2 nm to 2 nm  
→ **Noise cancellation, faster spectrum processing**

#### ➤ Multiplicative scattering correction (**MSC**)

- Calibrating light scattering using an ideal spectrum (mean of spectra)

#### ➤ Standard normal variable (**SNV**)

- Calibrating light scattering using normalization of spectrum





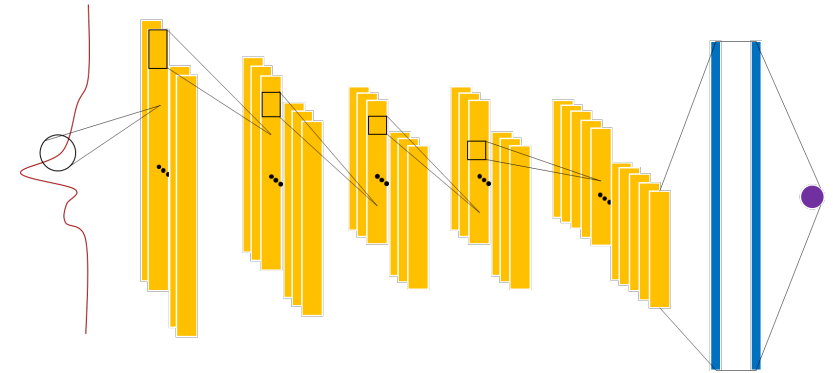


### ■ Development of SSC prediction model

#### ➤ 1D-Convolutional Neural Network (1D-CNN)

- One of the deep learning algorithms
- Used a lot for image processing
- Captures feature points of input data
- 1D-CNN has 1D input data and filter on normal CNNs
- (ex. Spectral Data)
- Reference Architecture : **AlexNet**

➤ **Calibration set : Prediction set = 8 : 2**

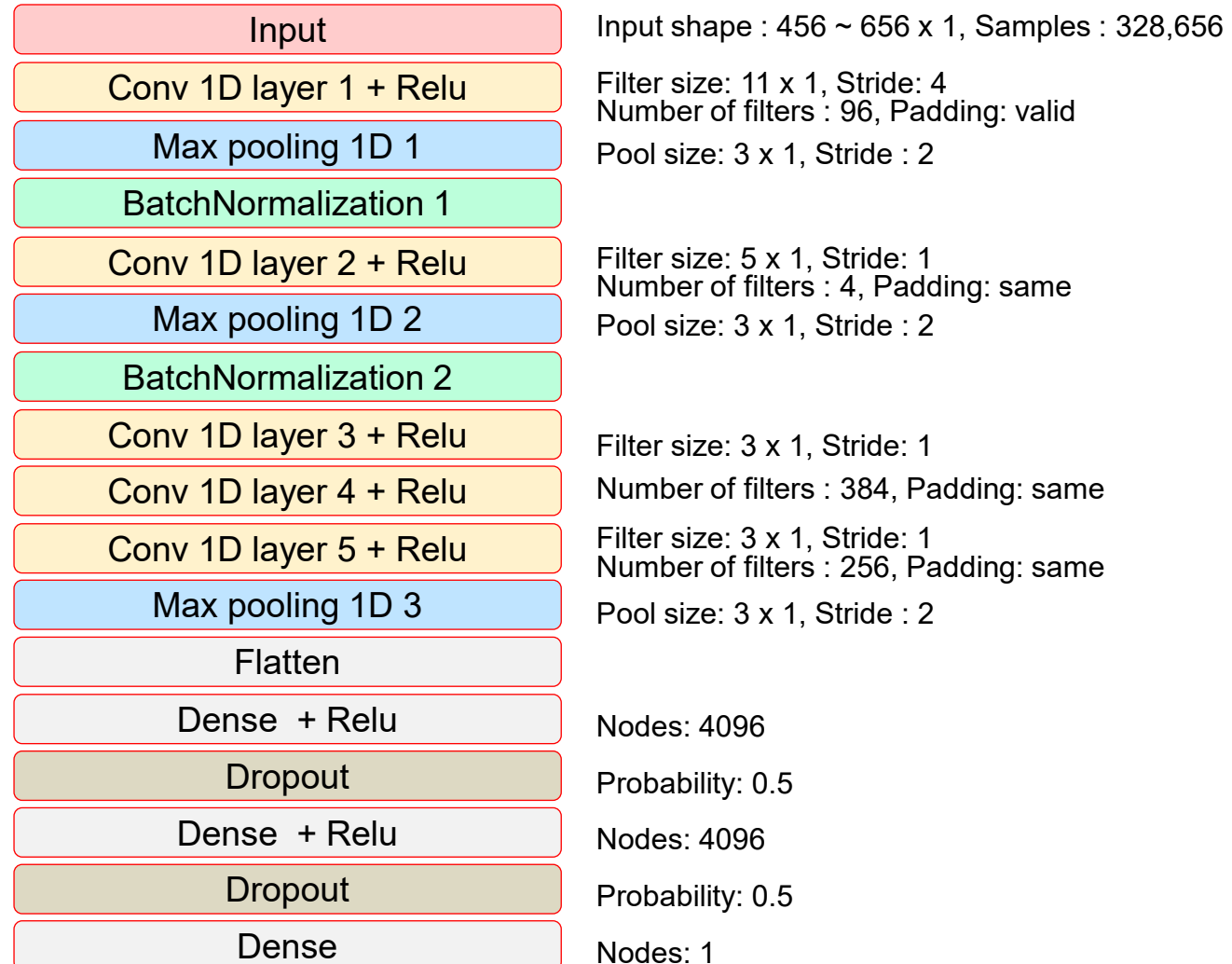




### ■ 1D-CNN architecture

#### Other setting values

- Batch size : 14
- Epoch : 300
- EarlyStopping patience : 70





### ■ Model Evaluation

- $R_{pre}^2$  (Coefficient of determination of prediction)

$$= \left( \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_{pi} - y_{mean})^2}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_{mi} - y_{mean})^2}} \right)^2$$

- **RMSEP** (Root mean square error of prediction)

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_{pi} - y_{mi})^2}$$

$y_{pi}$  : Predicted SSC for the  $i$  -th apple

$y_{mi}$  : Measured SSC for the  $i$  -th apple

$y_{mean}$  : Average value of prediction set

$n$  : Number of prediction set

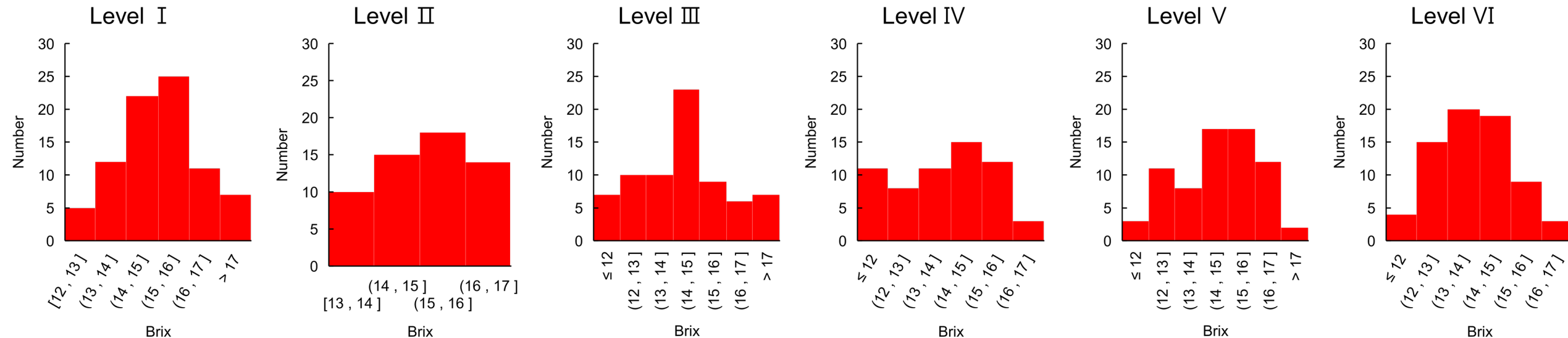




# 3. Results and Discussion



## ■ The distribution of the SSC of apples

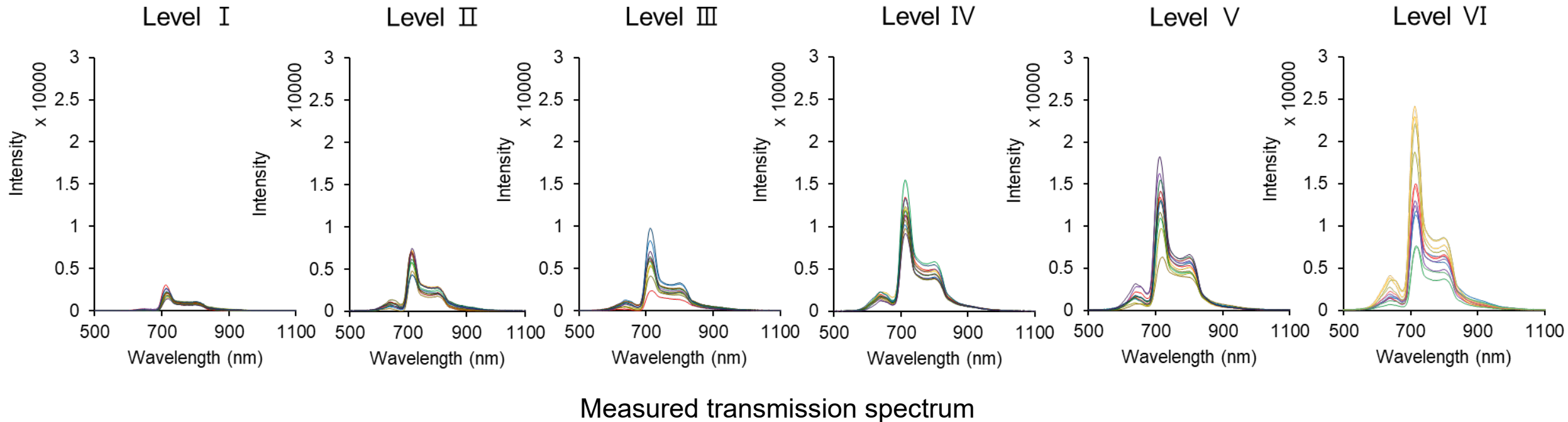


Histogram of SSC distribution by Level

Table of SSC distribution by Level

		Level					
		I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Number		82	57	72	60	70	70
SSC (Brix)	Avg.	15.10	14.93	14.38	13.68	14.57	13.86
	SD	1.31	1.06	1.80	1.77	1.51	1.21

- [Distance 1] Transmission spectrum by apple size at **light source 135 mm, sensor 75 mm**

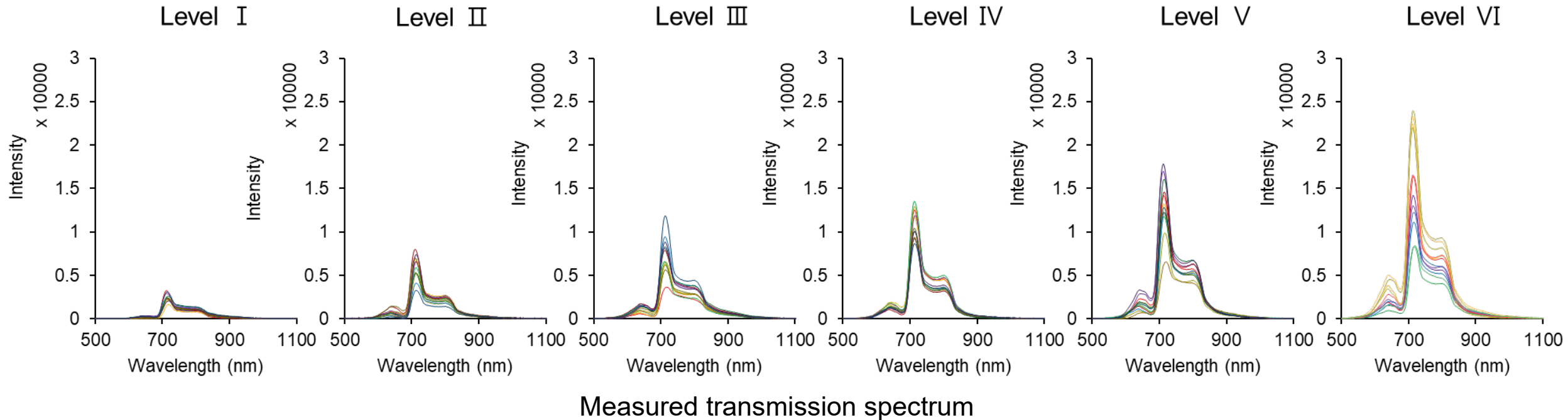
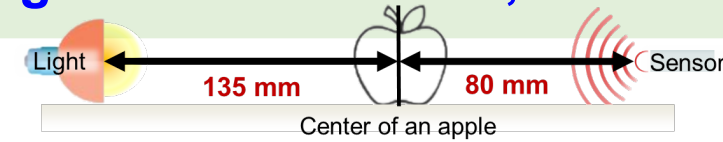


Measured transmission spectrum

- **Larger apples** tend to have **smaller transmitted light intensity**
- **The distance of the light source** has a **greater influence** on transmitted light intensity than the distance of the sensor



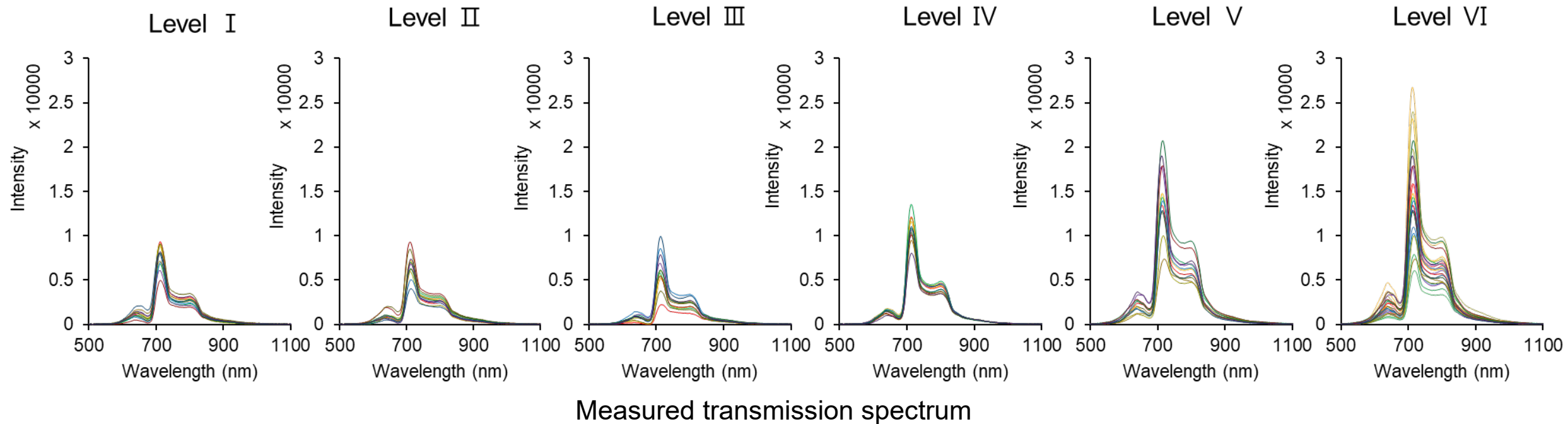
- [Distance 2] Transmission spectrum by apple size at **light source 135 mm, sensor 80 mm**



- **Larger apples** tend to have **smaller transmitted light intensity**
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- [Distance 3] Transmission spectrum by apple size at **light source 125 mm, sensor 75 mm**



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- Performance of SSC prediction model by distance between light source and sensor  
- Level I

Performance of the SSC prediction model of Level I

Level	Distance (Light - Sensor)	Preprocessing	Loss	Val_loss	RMSEC	$R^2_{pre}$	RMSEP
I	135 mm - 75 mm	SNV	0.322	0.526	0.780	0.56	0.780
		MSC	0.287	0.391	0.579	0.76	0.579
	135 mm - 80 mm	SNV	0.398	0.461	0.679	0.67	0.679
		MSC	0.333	0.325	0.500	0.82	0.500
	125 mm - 75 mm	SNV	1.476	1.014	0.815	0.59	0.815
		MSC	0.621	0.987	0.823	0.58	0.823



## Optimal value

- Preprocessing : **MSC**
- $R^2_{pre}$  : **0.82**
- RMSEP : **0.500 Brix**



- Performance of SSC prediction model by distance between light source and sensor  
- Level II

Performance of the SSC prediction model of Level II

Level	Distance (Light - Sensor)	Preprocessing	Loss	Val_loss	RMSEC	$R^2_{pre}$	RMSEP
II	135 mm - 75 mm	SNV	0.386	0.670	0.819	0.46	0.819
		MSC	0.364	0.279	0.519	0.78	0.520
	135 mm - 80 mm	SNV	0.730	1.021	0.629	0.68	0.629
		MSC	0.322	0.643	0.725	0.58	0.725
	125 mm - 75 mm	SNV	0.506	0.627	0.642	0.67	0.642
		MSC	1.745	1.314	0.904	0.35	0.904



## Optimal value

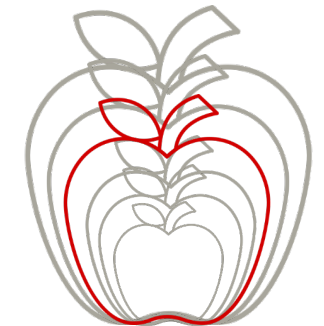
- Preprocessing : MSC
- $R^2_{pre}$  : 0.78
- RMSEP : 0.520 Brix



- Performance of SSC prediction model by distance between light source and sensor  
- Level III

Performance of the SSC prediction model of Level III

Level	Distance (Light - Sensor)	Preprocessing	Loss	Val_loss	RMSEC	$R^2_{pre}$	RMSEP
III	135 mm - 75 mm	SNV	0.416	0.697	0.770	0.83	0.769
		MSC	0.477	1.329	0.761	0.84	0.761
	135 mm - 80 mm	SNV	1.702	1.225	0.884	0.78	0.884
		MSC	0.422	1.013	0.799	0.82	0.799
	125 mm - 75 mm	SNV	1.476	1.386	0.938	0.75	0.938
		MSC	2.030	1.378	0.987	0.72	0.987



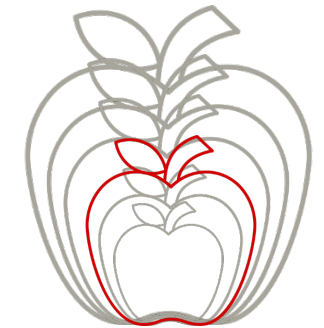
## Optimal value

- Preprocessing : **MSC**
- $R^2_{pre}$  : **0.84**
- RMSEP : 0.761 Brix**

- Performance of SSC prediction model by distance between light source and sensor  
- Level IV

Performance of the SSC prediction model of Level IV

Level	Distance (Light - Sensor)	Preprocessing	Loss	Val_loss	RMSEC	$R^2_{pre}$	RMSEP
IV	135 mm - 75 mm	SNV	0.461	0.607	0.779	0.84	0.779
		MSC	0.403	0.930	0.765	0.85	0.765
	135 mm - 80 mm	SNV	1.167	0.934	0.839	0.82	0.838
		MSC	0.907	1.089	0.925	0.78	0.925
	125 mm - 75 mm	SNV	0.813	0.726	0.852	0.81	0.852
		MSC	0.478	0.566	0.752	0.85	0.752



## Optimal value

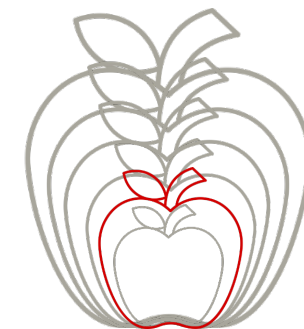
- Preprocessing : MSC
- $R^2_{pre}$  : 0.85
- RMSEP : 0.752 Brix



- Performance of SSC prediction model **by distance between light source and sensor**  
- **Level V**

Performance of the SSC prediction model of Level V

Level	Distance (Light - Sensor)	Preprocessing	Loss	Val_loss	RMSEC	$R^2_{pre}$	RMSEP
V	135 mm - 75 mm	SNV	1.084	0.991	0.892	0.64	0.892
		MSC	0.481	1.082	1.040	0.50	1.040
	<b>135 mm - 80 mm</b>	<b>SNV</b>	<b>0.410</b>	<b>0.572</b>	<b>0.756</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>0.756</b>
		MSC	0.516	1.349	0.810	0.70	0.810
	<b>125 mm - 75 mm</b>	<b>SNV</b>	<b>0.893</b>	<b>1.022</b>	<b>0.781</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>0.780</b>
		MSC	1.374	2.368	1.036	0.51	1.036



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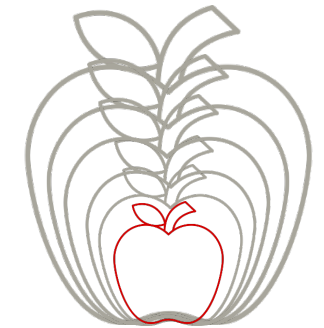
- Preprocessing : **MSC**
- $R^2_{pre}$  : **0.74**
- RMSEP : 0.756 Brix**



- Performance of SSC prediction model by distance between light source and sensor  
- Level VI

Performance of the SSC prediction model of Level VI

Level	Distance (Light - Sensor)	Preprocessing	Loss	Val_loss	RMSEC	$R^2_{pre}$	RMSEP
VI	135 mm - 75 mm	SNV	0.670	0.563	0.624	0.75	0.624
		MSC	1.121	0.763	0.797	0.58	0.797
	135 mm - 80 mm	SNV	0.837	0.656	0.693	0.69	0.693
		MSC	1.872	1.740	0.902	0.47	0.902
	125 mm - 75 mm	SNV	0.525	0.554	0.744	0.64	0.744
		MSC	0.335	0.729	0.741	0.64	0.741



## Optimal value

- Preprocessing : **MSC**
- $R^2_{pre}$  : **0.75**
- RMSEP : **0.624 Brix**



## Performance of SSC prediction model by distance between light source and sensor

### - Total

Best performance of SSC prediction model by Level

Level	Distance (Light - Sensor)	Preprocessing	Loss	Val_loss	RMSEC	$R^2_{pre}$	RMSEP
I	135 mm - 80 mm	MSC	0.333	0.325	0.500	0.82	0.500
II	135 mm - 75 mm	MSC	0.364	0.279	0.519	0.78	0.520
III	135 mm - 75 mm	MSC	0.477	1.329	0.761	0.84	0.761
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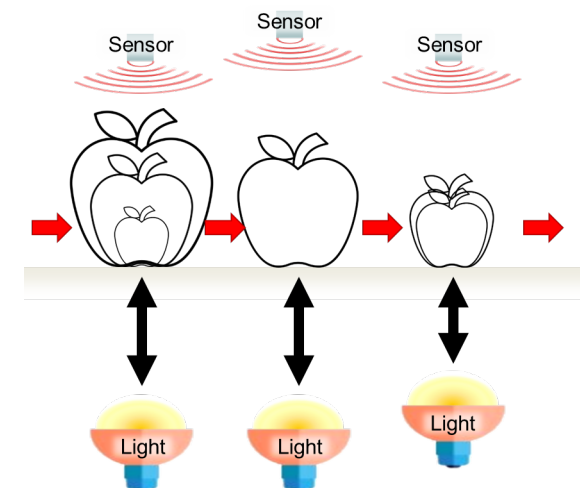
Large size : **MSC**

Small size : **SNV**

### Optimal Value

$R^2_{pre}$  : **0.74 ~ 0.85**

**RMSEP : 0.500 ~ 0.761 Brix**





## 4. Conclusions





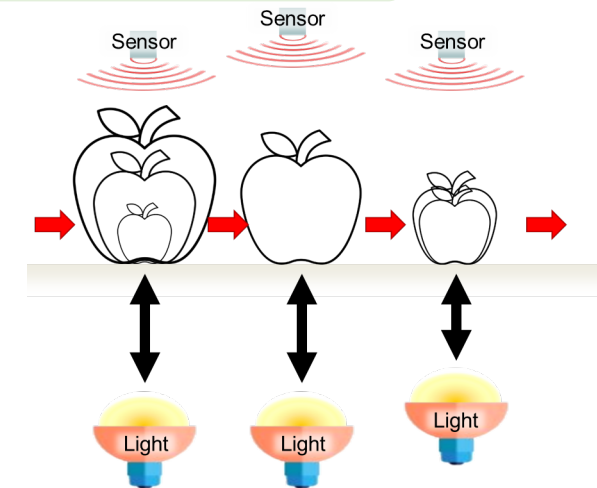


## ■ **Characterization of transmission spectrum by size** of apple in transmission spectroscopy

- **Larger apples** tend to have **smaller transmitted light intensity**
- **The distance of the light source** has a **greater influence** on transmitted light intensity than the distance of the sensor

## ■ **Development of SSC prediction model** of 3 distances of light source and sensor

- The **distance** between the light source and the sensor representing optimal performance is **different for each level** of the apple
- **Optimal preprocessing** varies **by apple size**  
(large apple: **MSC**, small apple: **SNV**)





# Thank you

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